Business profit on sale prices of medicines

†1823. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently contemplated to fix ceiling on business profit on the sale prices of medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress of the action taken/to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to (a), as above.

Import of urea

1824. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the Production, consumption and import of urea during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06;

(b) the anticipated consumption & import of urea during 2006-07;

(c) the steps being taken by Government to cover up the deficit; and

(d) the subsidy paid during last three years for indigenous and imported urea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) The details of production, sales and import of urea during last three years and anticipated production, sales & imports of urea during the year 2006-07 is as under:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(Quantity in lakh MT)

Year	Production	Sales	Import
2003-04	192.63	195.79	0.00
2004-05	202.63	205.47	6.41
2005-06	200.98	221.91	20.57
2006-07 (Estimated)	200.32	239.08	50.00

(c) Import of urea is restricted and permitted through Sate Trading Enterprises (STEs) i.e. MMTC, STC and India Potash Limited. Government imports urea through these STEs to bridge the gap between assessed demand and estimated production and ensure adequate availability of urea to the farmers.

(d) The subsidy paid on indigenous & imported area during the last three years is as under:—

(Amount Rupees/crore)

Year	Indigenous urea	Imported urea (net)
2003-04	8521.00	0.00
2004-05	10243.15	493.91
2005-06	10460.17	1201.43

Mega Chemical Industrial Estate in Gujarat

1825. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have appointed M/s Dala Motto McDonald as a consultant for shortlisting the location of setting up PCPIR/MCIE;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Dahej in Gujarat has been selected as one of the most important sites; and

(c) if so, the time frame in which PCPIR would be set up at Dahej?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) Yes, Sir.